

**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Applicants affirm their election of ethyl-2,2,6-trimethylcyclohexanecarboxylate and malic acid as the acid.

Turning first to Paragraph 7 of the Action, it is indicated that claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 would be allowable if amended to recite only the elected fragrant material and the elected acid.

Applicants so amend claims 1 and 5, and amend claims calling for further acids to indicate that the organic acid further comprises the recited acid(s). It is believed basis is provided at page 9, second full paragraph, which uses the language “use singly **or as a mixture** thereof” and “**at least one**...selected from the group”. If the Examiner believes some other language would be better, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants amend claims 2 and 6 which, it is believed, would permit rejoinder of claims 2 and 6. However, if the undersigned is in error, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the later given local telephone exchange.

A telephone interview was conducted this application specifically with respect to subject matter as now recited in new claim 9 and 13. The Examiner would have to search a claim such as claim 9 or claim 13, and could not commit to allowability.

The reasons for adding claim 9 and claim 13 are believed clear from Applicants’ discussion of the prior art as now discussed.

Claims corresponding to original dependent claims are added depending from claims 9 and 13.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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Claims 17-20 delete "anethole" from the fragrant compounds.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,958,852 (US '852).

While the Examiner correctly points out that the perfume may be anethole and that suitable carboxylic acids include malic acid, US '852 does not disclose the combination of ethyl-2,2,6-trimethylcyclohexanecarboxylate in combination with an acid.

Turning to the rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 5,968,539 (US '539), the Examiner correctly points out that suitable antibacterial agents include anethole and that suitable proton donating agents include malic acid.

Applicants believe that US '539 is subject to the same defects as US '852.

Considering the above discussion, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all claims.

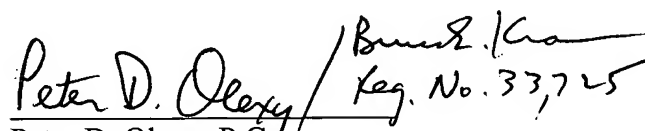
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